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**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE
7447 E. INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD, SUITE 105
SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2006**

SUMMARIZED REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

PRESENT:

Jay Spector, Vice-Chairman
Michele Cohen, Board Member (arrived 5:24 P.M.)
Ron Hand, Board Member (arrived 5:38 p.m.)
Jimmy Leung, Board Member
James Mulloy, Board Member
Brian Munson, Board Member

ABSENT:

Daniel Basinger, Chairman

STAFF PRESENT:

Frank Gray, Planning and General Services General Manager
Larry Person, Staff Liaison
Chuck Skidmore, Energy Management Engineer

ALSO PRESENT:

Don Manthe
Randy Nussbaum

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Environmental Quality Advisory Board was called to order by Vice-Chairman Spector at 5:22 p.m.

2. Roll Call and Approval of 1/18/06 Meeting Minutes

A formal roll call confirmed the Members present as stated above.

Vice-Chairman Spector introduced new Board Member Jimmy Mulloy and congratulated Board Member Munson on his reappointment.

BOARD MEMBER LEUNG MOVED THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 18, 2006 MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY BOARD MEMBER MUNSON.

Board Member Munson noted a correction to the minutes. Under Agenda item 11, Review of EQAB's Purpose, Powers and Duties, the sentence should read " It was decided that Vice-Chairman Spector and Board Member Munson would start reviewing the Code. . ."

THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

3. **Public Comment**

None

4. **EnviroKidsFest '06 Update**

Mr. Randy Nussbaum addressed the meeting, noting that once again the event will be at capacity. He strongly encouraged everyone present to volunteer. The topics to be covered include: solar and renewable energy, wildlife preservation, water conservation, and recycling. Mr. Person added that they are discussing with the Scottsdale Cultural Council the possibility of displaying the winners of the poster contest.

Mr. Nussbaum thanked the Board for the opportunity to appear before them.

Board Member Cohen took photos to send to Chairman Basinger. Mr. Manthe brought cards to send to Chairman Basinger.

5. **Recommended List Of Committee Members for Mayor/Council Approval**

Vice-Chairman Spector noted that a list of recommended names for the Green Building Advisory Committee and the Energy Advisory Committee is to be forwarded for the approval of City Council. Former Vice-Chairman Manthe would like to participate as a citizen member of the Water Committee.

BOARD MEMBER MUNSON MOVED THAT THE NAME OF DON MANTHE BE ADDED TO THE LIST TO BE FORWARDED TO CITY COUNCIL. BOARD MEMBER LEUNG SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO ZERO (0).

6. **Legislative Update - Environmental**

Vice-Chairman Spector noted that he had hoped that the City's legislative liaison could make a presentation at the meeting but she was unable to attend.

Mr. Person noted that the Board Members' packet contains a 3-page list of environmental bills before the State Legislature for 2006. In addition to the legislation described on the list he noted that staff are tracking over 50 other bills dealing with environmental issues such as water, pesticides, air quality, hazardous materials and waste, and vehicle emissions.

A discussion ensued on what action, if any, the Board should take. Vice-Chairman Spector expressed concern that the City Intergovernmental Relations Department is not tracking any environmental legislation this session. He suggested that perhaps the Board should select bills which they feel are of particular importance to the City and relay that information to the Mayor, City Council, and the City Manager.

After discussion it was agreed that Mr. Person will track the legislation through the session, determine which of the environmental bills are likely to be enacted and decide which of those are of interest. He undertook to present this shorter list to the March meeting.

7. Green Building Progress Report/LEED Gold Policy Update

Mr. Chuck Skidmore, Energy Management Engineer, reported on the progress of the Senior Center. The U.S. Green Building Council does not want to award the points for renewable energy because the environmental attributes were sold to SRP. The debate on credits and points is ongoing. A discussion ensued on other points that might be garnered to offset the potential shortfall.

Design work on Fire Station Two is progressing. Mr. Skidmore expressed concern that current LEED point predictions are low.

Board Member Michele Cohen and Mr. Person reported on the Green Building Advisory Committee retreat. One-third of residential permits are now coming in through the Green Building Program, primarily because production builders are now involved in the program. The second part of the retreat took place on February 14th, wherein those in attendance reviewed past projects and considered whether to repeat them. The consensus was that Design Day, the Green Building Expo and the Green Building and Solar Power lecture series are all important. Mr. Frank Gray was the retreat moderator. Board Member Cohen noted what an asset Mr. Gray is to the City.

Vice-Chairman Spector requested that Kevin Edwards, Chairman of the Green Building Sub-Committee, attend a future meeting to brief EQAB when plans are made.

Board Member Cohen reported that the next Design Day is currently being planned. The Green Building and Solar lectures will continue and may be offered at the Senior Center when it opens.

At the retreat, the Committee decided on two new projects. A publicity sub-committee is being formed, chaired by Linda Eales. Mr. Gray encouraged them to look into education and focus on the schools. Education of City staff is another area of interest. An exploratory sub-committee is being formed to look into various ideas such as brown bag lunches to help new Planning Department staff understand Green Building concepts.

Board Member Cohen introduced Mr. Gray, who visited the meeting briefly. She noted that he has an interest in making Scottsdale a sustainable city and suggested that he be invited to the EQAB retreat. Vice-Chairman Spector remarked that although Scottsdale is committed to balancing environmental preservation with economic development, this is not truly reflected in the City's popular image. The message needs to get out.

Mr. Person noted that the idea of brown bag lunches for staff to educate them about LEED and Green Building is exciting. This will need to be a continuing effort because of staff turnover. He noted that unless staff is educated on LEED, the policy will fail. This should be a top priority. Board Member Cohen commented that the Planning Department seems very receptive.

Vice-Chairman Spector requested that the Green Building Advisory Committee draft a strategic plan for EQAB's consideration and adoption. He noted that EQAB is developing a paper as part of their work plan. The Green Building strategic plan could be attached to it.

Vice-Chairman Spector suggested that the Green Building Advisory Committee should keep working on the ongoing projects while the strategic plan is being drafted. Any production document from the Green Building Advisory Committee should come before EQAB for approval. Vice-Chairman Spector remarked that since the Green Building Advisory Committee is creating two new sub-committees, EQAB should have a role in creating or adopting the sub-committees. Having a strategic plan in writing is key to taking that step.

Upon further discussion, it was decided that the Chairpersons of the new sub-committees will attend the next EQAB meeting to present the draft strategic paper.

8. **Sustainability Indicators Report Update**

Mr. Person advised the Board that the Sustainability Indicators Report is still with the graphics designer.

9. **Environmental Office Work plan and EMS update**

Mr. Person noted that the City originally became a charter member of the EPA National Environmental Performance Track because an EMS was set up. The City of Scottsdale has been accepted back into the National Environmental Performance Track for the next three-year cycle. Scottsdale is one of only three entities that have applied for the new Arizona Environmental Performance Track. Staff are confident that this application will be accepted.

Mr. Person clarified that his primary role is to keep the City in compliance with all applicable environmental regulations. He distributed a four-page list of environmental regulations. He also shared the proposed work plan for himself and the environmental technician they hope to hire.

BOARD MEMBER COHEN MADE A MOTION THAT IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT SCOTTSDALE COMPLIES WITH ALL FEDERAL, LOCAL, AND STATE REGULATIONS REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, THE NECESSARY STAFF BE PROVIDED TO ACHIEVE THAT. GIVEN THE CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE WORKPLAN, AN ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBER IS REQUIRED. BOARD MEMBER MUNSON SECONDED THE MOTION, WHICH CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY A VOTE OF SIX (6) TO ZERO (0).

Mr. Person advised the Board that with the City's acceptance back into the National Environmental Performance Track, if sufficient resources are not dedicated to sustaining the EMS, they will be removed from the program, which would be a significant embarrassment to the Mayor and City Council. It is important to add a staff member.

10. **How To Promote More Citizen Involvement**

Vice-Chairman Spector noted that EQAB is active and needs to increase its visibility to promote environmental stewardship. He challenged Board Members to think about how to encourage more people to participate.

Board Member Cohen opined that members of the public will only come to meetings if the topic is of personal interest and suggested the possibility of calling a town hall meeting on an interesting or controversial topic. Board Member Munson suggested adding the discussion to the retreat agenda.

Mr. Person has received an increasing number of dust control complaints because of the dry weather. Many of these come from the northeastern area of the City where there are 69 miles of unpaved roads. He opined that the Board could hold a public hearing to get input on this issue. Vice-Chairman Spector suggested adding the discussion to the agenda for the strategic planning retreat.

11. **Plan Spring EQAB Retreat**

After discussion, Friday, April 14 was tentatively chosen as the date for the retreat. Vice-Chairman Spector asked that Board Members bring suggestions for agenda items to himself or Mr. Person.

12. **Review EQAB's Purpose, Powers and Duties**

Vice-Chairman Spector noted that this item will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

13. **Standing Committee Reports**

Green Building Advisory Committee

Vice-Chairman Spector noted that this item was discussed above.

Water Advisory Committee

Vice-Chairman Spector reported that he met with Beth Miller of Water Resources yesterday. The main topic discussed was Planet Ranch, which the City owns in Mohave and La Paz counties. The City is interested in disposing of this property. The current permitted use is for agriculture. The U.S. Fish And Wild Life Service is interested in acquiring the land, but there are bureaucratic issues with the Department of the Interior.

The Committee also discussed household water audits. Ms. Miller advised that work continues around the clock to complete the Chaparral Plant.

Energy Advisory Committee

Vice-Chairman Spector noted that Board Member Mulloy has been appointed Chairman of the Energy Advisory Committee.

Board Member Mulloy noted that he did not have a formal report to give but mentioned he will attend a two-day town hall meeting on energy in Albuquerque.

Vice-Chairman Spector appointed Board Member Leung as Vice-Chairman of the Energy Advisory Committee.

14. Updates and reminders

The next Green Building lecture is scheduled for March 2. The topic is: Interiors; Indoor Environmental Quality.

The next Living With The Sun lecture is scheduled for February 17. The topic is: Renewable Futures; Vision of Appropriateness.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 8.

A brief discussion ensued on the recent Electronics Recycling Day. Mr. Person advised the Board that the Airport also held a clean-up day on February 11. In the future, Airport management would prefer household hazardous waste collection days to accept hazardous waste from the Airport with a tiedown bill as proof of eligibility. This would be more cost effective.

The next Electronics Recycling Day is to take place on Saturday, May 6.

The next EQAB meeting is scheduled for March 15.

Design Day is scheduled for February 25 at Coronado High School.

Board Member Suggestions For Environmental Topics On Future Agendas

Vice-Chairman Spector reported he is working with Debbie Miles of the Solid Waste Department on a recycling grant from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

Vice-Chairman Spector advised Board Members that they will receive a draft before the next meeting, that if approved by City Council, will permit EQAB to bestow environmental awareness awards. He requested that this be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

15. Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, being duly moved and seconded, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
A/V Tronics, Inc.